GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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Hostels for Working Women
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of scheme of Working Women Hostels implemented by the Government indicating the criteria/ norms laid down for opening and granting/ extending financial assistance along with eligible organisation therefor;
(b) the number of hostels sanctioned and operational in the country at present, category-wise and State/UT-wise;
(c) the number of proposals received by the Government under the scheme for construction of hostels in the country along with the number of proposals approved and the funds sanctioned, released and utilised thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise; and
(d) whether the number of hostels sanctioned so far are sufficient to meet the growing need of working women in the country and if not, the further plan of the Government to give a boost to this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a): Working Women Hostel Scheme aims at providing safe and affordable accommodation to working women. These hostels have Day care facility for the children of inmates too. As per the norms of the Scheme, financial assistance is provided to the eligible implementing organizations such as State Government agencies and Civil Society Organizations. Government of India gives 75% of the cost of construction of the hostel building for working women on public land as per the prescribed area norms and schedule of rate of the respective State Public Works Department. There is also a provision of extending financial assistance for hostels to be run in rented premises. Corporate houses or associations like CII, ASSOCHAM, FICCI etc., can also seek financial assistance for a matching grant (50:50) for hostel building construction on public land only. There is also a provision of one-time non-recurring grant @ Rs. 7500/- per inmate for purchase of furniture and furnishings.

(b): Since its inception in 1972-73, 940 hostels have been sanctioned under the scheme of Working Women Hostel all over the country. State-wise list of sanctioned working women's hostels is at Annexure-I.

(c): During the last three years and the current year, 52 new proposals have been received under the Scheme and 34 new hostels have been sanctioned as per details given in Annexure-II. State/ UT-wise details of fund released under the scheme during the last three years and current year as per details given in Annexure-III.

(d) Ministry sanctions Working Women Hostels as per the need and recommendations received from the State Governments.

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